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Appropriation—J. S. Reid, G. L. McCree, M. A. Conner, S. M. Simril, W. H. Davidson.

On Program—Revs R. D. Harris, H. W. Lee, Wm. Neely, H. H. Wilson, Bro. J. M. McKins.

Finance—J. F. Derr, Wm. G. Brown, T. B. Barber.

PROCEEDINGS

STANLY, N. C., Oct. 10th, 1918

The Fiftieth Annual Session of the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association, and Tenth Anniversary of the consolidation of the Mt. Pleasant and Shiloh, met with the Springfield Baptist Church, Oct. 10th, 1918.

At 10:30 the house was called to order by the President, Rev. R. D. Harris.

Opening Service conducted by Rev. A. Jones. First hymn No. 196 "Come Holy Spirit," etc. Scripture lesson 133 Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Jones. Second hymn No. 520, after which Father Jones made a brief talk, stating his thanks to God for allowing him to meet with the Brethren once more and said his plea and prayer was that peace and love would continue among the Brethren, and many others made some remarks of thanks. After all were through talking Rev. Jones sang "A Few More Years Shall Roll," etc., while singing this good old hymn the Brethren taking a lovely hand shake. Then the Moderator arose and in a most profound way announced the house open for busines.

By motion the program was adopted as a guide for the Session. Time for the Welcome Address; by motion the Welcome Address was laid over until night.

Time for the Introductory Sermon, Rev. H. W. Lee, the appointee accompanied by Rev. Wm. McIntire, ascended the rostrum. Rev. McIntire lined hymn No. 490. Rev. Lee read a part of the 6th chapter of 2nd Corinthians. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. J. Davidson Second hymn No 469, after which the Moderator arose and introduced the speaker, Rev. H. W. Lee, who arose and gave for his text Romans 11th chapter and 3rd verse; his theme was "Perseverance." The speaker preached a most wonderful sermon which was

full of instruction and reviving. After the sermon the congregation sang 422, Prayer was offered by Rev. I. W. Washington.

The Committee on Enrollment and Finance was appointed. After the enrollment the roll was called and dues collected, the amount collected $13.75 from Ministers and Delegates; after which Rev. G. L. McCree lifted a collection to amount of $1.05.

Dr. M. P. Hall, Principal of Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C. was introduced, who came forward and in just a few words told how glad he was to be in our midst once more in life also. Rev. I. W. Washington and Rev. Wm. McIntire who also came forward and in a few words said they were more than glad to be in our midst for the first time.

Time for dinner. Benediction by Rev. H. W. Lee.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session

2 P. M. Praise service conducted by Rev. T. J. Pearl and Bro. R. L. Torrence. First hymn No. 416, prayer was offered by Bro. P. R. Surratt. Second hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," etc., prayer by R. L. Torrence. Third hymn No. 356, prayer by Bro. J. M. McKins.

The Moderator announced the house open for business. By motion the minutes were read and adopted. By motion Rev. S. N. Rhinehardt was excused to go home.

Motion to hear the President's Address, at which time the congregation sang a lovely old hymn then the Vice-President Rev. Wm. Neely arose and introduced the President, who arose and delivered one of the most instructive addresses ever read in our Association. (See Address.) After which Dr. M. P. Hall was asked to respond to the address who came forward and in a brief way said so many good things about the address, and the things encouched in it that all were made to feel proud of our President, after which by motion that the address be put on the face of the minutes.

The Committee on Officers made their report; by motion

the report was adopted. See Report. Dr. M. P. Hall installed the officers, and by common consent the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. J. Davidson arose and on the behalf of the officers thanked the Body for their confidence manifested by the re-election of the officers.

Time for the first topic: "The Weak Points in our Association and to Strengthen Them," led by Rev. W. M. McCauly who showed many weak points and how to strengthen them; also Bro. J. M. McKins made a good talk on the same topic. Rev. J. D. Massey was excused to go home.

Time for adjournment. Rev. T. B. Barber lifted a collection to the amount of $3.10. Benediction by Rev. A. Jones.

THURSDAY—NIGHT SESSION

8:20 Rev. A. Jones led in song service. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. J. Pearl, then Rev. T. M. Barber sang "Please Don't Leave me Alone," etc.

The Moderator announced the house open for business and introduced the master of ceremonies, Bro. Wm. G. Brown who came forward and ask the choir to sing a piece which they did most delightfully, the Springfield Choir. The master of ceremonies introduced Bro. G. G. Lineberger who came forward and gave a most cordial Address of Welcome on the part of the Ministerial Rank.

Bro. Casper Brown was introduced who came forward and gave a hearty Address of Welcome on the part of B. Y. P. U.

G. W. Froneberger was introduced who arose and in a most delightful way rendered a most cordial welcome on the part of the business men of the town and community.

Sister Pearl Rozzle was introduced who gave the welcome addresss on part of Sunday School.

Bro. L. H. Froneberger was introduced who came forward and on the part of the church rendered a most cordial welcome address.

Last but not least Bro. L. F. Benton was introduced on the part of the Fraternity, delivered a most cordial welcome.

The Moderator introduced Rev. R. J. Davidson who responded to the welcome address, after which the Springfield choir rendered some sweet music.

Time for the Sermon the President introduced Dr. M. P. Hall, President of Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C., who gave for his text I Corinthians, 15th chapter, 58th verse, the theme of his discourse was "Steadfastness," the man of God spoke with power and told of many victories won by steadfastness. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. N. Davidson.

Rev. Wm. McCauly and Sister Estelee Froneberger lifted a collection to the amount of $16.51. Rev. McCauly raised from the Ministers and Delegates $5.25. Sister Froneberger raised from the church and congregation $11.26. The Springfield choir rendered the music which was fine indeed. After the collection Dr. M. P. Hall arose and spoke a few words concerning his school and paper and said they were in great need of help and lifted a collection to the amount of $10.30 which was given to him as a donation.

Benediction by Rev. G. L. McCree.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

10:20 A. M. Praise Service led by Bro. H. E. Massey and Bro. Baldie Graham. Bro. Massey sang hymn No. 417. Bro. Graham read a part of the First Chapter of St. Jonn. Prayer was offered by Wm. Neely. Second hymn No. 293, second prayer by Rev. R. J. Davidson.

The Moderator announced the house open for business. By motion the minutes were read and adopted. On motion the roll was called, after the roll call the Treasurer and Auditor made a partial report. By motion the report was adopted.

Dr. P. F. Maloy was given a few minutes to speak of the paper, the Union Advocate, he said many good things about the paper, asking the Association to take stock in the paper.

Several Committees were appointed. Committee on New Churches made their report. By motion the report was adopted. See report.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Avery and others to the Body, who were given five minutes to express their appreciation for being with us, and made some timely remarks.

Rev. C. F. Gingles was asked to come forward and lift the collection, the amount collected was $4.01.

Benediction by Rev. J. R. Parrott.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session

2:00 P. M. Praise service led by Rev. J. J. Anderson and Bro. J. S. Reid. Bro. Reid sang hymn No. 454, Rev. Anderson read the 19th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Bro. C. S. Gregory, second hymn No. 449. Rev. Wm. Nelson addressed the throne after which the Moderator announced the house open for business.

The minutes were read and adopted. Order of business. The reading of letters. After the letters read, by motion they were adopted.

The Committee on Board made their report, by motion the report was adopted. See report.

Committee on Ways and Means made their report. By motion the report was adopted. See report.

After some discussion the following Committees reported: Missions, Obituary, Education, Temperance, Orphan Home, Time and Place. By motion the reports were adopted. See reports.

Sister Clark, Sister Davidson were introduced to the Association who came forward and made some timely remarks.

Rev. I. W. Washington lifted a collection to the amount of $3.15.

Benediction by Rev. T. M. Barber.

FRIDAY—Night Session

8:20 P. M. Praise service conducted by Rev. W. M. Meeks and Bro. B. J. Broom. First hymn No. 449. Prayer by Bro. James White.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

Rev. R. B. Rhyne and Rev. J. W. Groves, of the M. E. Church were introduced.

Dr. P. F. Maloy was given a few minutes to talk on the great need of an Education, he told many reasons why we should educate, and the condition of the school, and said the school did not owe one cent of debt.

Dr. J. W. Falk and Dr. C. C. Adams of Charlotte were introduced to the Body. Dr. Falk lined hymn No. 379 which was sung by the M. E. Choir. Dr. Adams read a part of the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians, prayer was offered by Dr. Falk. The Moderator introduced Rev. C. C. Adams, D. D., who arose and give for his text 7th verse of the 4th chapter of Proverbs, his subject "Education," the man of God held the congregation spell bound for half an hour, both white and colored were forced to say the man just preached the most able sermon they had ever heard. After the sermon the Educational Rally took place which amounted to $83.06.

Collection was taken for Sister Dixon to aid the new church in Gastonia to the amount of $2.06.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Falk.

SATURDAY—Morning Session

10 A. M. Praise service conducted by Rev. M. Beam, who sang "I Love thy Church Oh God," etc. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. B. Rhyne of the M. E. Church, after which the Moderator announced the house open for business. The minutes were read and adopted.

That the Annual Sermons be left in the hand of the Committee on Program for 1919. See Committee.

On motion the amount given on the paper, the Union Advocate go as stock in the paper, $25.00 was given.

A Committee on Annual Sermons was appointed. See Committee.

Committee on Appropriation made their report, by motion the report was adopted. See report.

The Moderator was empowered to appoint five Delegates to the Educational Union which convenes at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C. Delegates: Rev. H. H. Wilson, Rev. W. M. Neely, Rev. H. W. Lee, Bro. J. M. McKins, Bro. J. F. Derr.

Time for the Missionary Sermon Rev. G. L. McCree the appointee in the rostrum accompanied by Rev. I. W. Washington who lined hymn No. 559. Rev. McCree read a part of 33rd Chapter of Ezekiel, prayer was offered by Bro. J. M. McKins. After prayer Rev. McCree arose and gave for his text 10th Chapter of Matthew and 16th verse. Subject "Missions," his theme was "Obedience," he preached a most instructive sermon and showed many good things accomplished by obedience, after which the Moderator lifted a collection on Missions to the amount of $3.61. By motion that Rev. H. W. Lee draft a Vote of Thanks. See Vote of Thanks.

By motion to stand adjourned to meet with the Galilee Baptist Church, five miles South of Charlotte, N. C., on Wednesday night before the Second Lord's Day in Oct. 1919.

Benediction by Rev. A. Jones.

SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 A. M. Rev. N. H. Thomas accompanied by the Secretary and Rev. M. Beam in the rostrum. Rev. Beam lined hymn No. 454. Rev. Thomas read the 14th chapter of Revelations. Prayer was by Rev. Beam. The Secretary sang hymn No. 227, after which the Secretary introduced the speaker, Rev. N. H. Thomas who arose and gave for his text the 32nd verse of the 12th chapter of St. John, subject "Lifting up Jesus," the speaker told how to lift up Jesus and the reward of those who lift him up, he preached a most wonderful sermon. After the sermon a collection was raised to the amount of $12.80, which went to the speaker and church.

Benediction by Rev. M. Beam.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mr. President, Officers and Delegates of the Mt. Peace Association, Greetings:

This is the 10th Annual Address I bring before you. Since we became one body of W. N. C. and N. S., I congratulate your wisdom and prudent act for the stand you have taken. In this act may be read, "United we stand, divided we fall."

The first thing to be considered; we are Baptists and co-workers with Christ to help make the world become the Kingdom of our Savior Jesus Christ. To do this, we cannot afford to have so many petty bodies here and there and let other people who stand united in their general causes take to themselves all the Schools and fill all the places of honor for the evangelization and Christianization of the masses of the Colored boys and girls of the State of North Carolina. Therefore, we awake just in time to join our church powers to begin the struggle of helping foster a school that would better enable the Baptists of W. N. C. to shoulder some of the great burdens of their own household of Faith, to religiously educate their children for the service of Christ, and to maintain the doctrine and principals for which our fathers lived and died believing what they taught to be the truth without mixture of human errors.

Second, we by inspiration of prophecy put in action the current event of to-day. That is the call for man power, while nations against nations still plunging into battle sending men to untimely graves, spurred on by hatred and still reducing churches and cities to ashes, heedless to the cries of blood, widows and orphans. The great God of nations has not chosen to entervene His power to stop it as yet, it has taken many of the Colored sons from our homes and churches, and seems to threaten our future for man power to carry on the churches and schools. The present crisis looks dark; but we that are past draft age with what few boys and girls left behind must dedicate ourselves anew to the unfinished task left us by the country's call. We are not to be discouraged in the effort to educate. It's the word and badge of to-day. Our school's influence has been felt in rural and camp life, according to report given by the principal of our school. This should strengthen us in our effort to come up stronger in our finance to show our aim in life's struggle for preparedness. Having learned from the draft call and examination that few of our boys and men are prepared to be inducted into places of honor and trust; on account of that one fact, let us strive more strongly to better prepare our boys and girls,

more especially our boys or young men, because God is calling men and women to Zion's great War. Not nations against nations, but right againt wrong. Our August battle has just closed and reports are here to be heard who have been winners in the battle fought.

Trusting each captain of the Lord's host has been the winner in the conflict, and that the churches have been revived and settled down to the regular church life to keep and cheerish the blessings showered upon them in the great harvest.

Mission

State and Home Missions are encumbered upon us as a part of our church work. Remember the work of our Lord Jesus who said it is "more blessed to give than to receive." We are his lights in the world to shine in dark places, to guide men to the mansion above. This is the blessedness of giving out what has been given you. We are in Christ's stead to reconsider the world to God.

Our State work is greater in need than ever, because so many helpers have been called to other places as we all know, and this makes it fall heavier upon the few that are left behind to do the work. As we passed thru the countries we saw fields crowned with tassals, and beneath, ears of corn telling us there is bread to the eater and seed to the sower. Therefore, as he has blessed us, let us be a blessing to others; reach out from the little shell of self and church, join hands with the moving two hundred thousand negro Baptists, and keep the State Banner waving high; join in the Societies by donations so as to enable them to give literature to S. S. in destitute sections in every State in the Union until we shall have helped Christianize the home land of all the people.

Foreign Mission

Let us consider God's program to give the world the Gospel. Matt. 28-19-20, Mark 16-15-16, Acts 1:8. Let us join in the Word, go preach and teach his word and be a witness for him in all the world, that when the day of harvest we can come rejoicing, saying in Africa through Bros. Hayes, Boon and Thomas, by the support given I preached the gospel there. We had the pleasure of joining the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention where the fire and zeal of God were upon men and women to send the Gospel to the benighted land and Isles of the sea, even to Haiti. One or two churches asked to be allowed to support a missionary upon the foreign field. Awake brethren and join the call and let us have a hand in the great movement of the world wide evangelization of soul winning, that He may find us ready when He comes to reward his servants.

Recommendations

1st. We recommend to this Body to strive to have the Layman and Educational movement in every Church.

2nd. Resolve that it is highly befitting to all to do this that our aged ministers may be better maintained under the ten per cent appropriation. Resolve further that it should be in order to prepare our school for better comforts of students.

3rd. That our Association meet on Wednesday night and adjourn Friday night hereafter to give rest to the people.

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against, but we must sail and not drift nor lie at anchor.

Say to clouds and wind I must under and against the go.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Whereas, We see the great evil that intemperance is doing to the Christian cause, be it resolved since we see that evil has united its forces therefore we who are representing the righteous cause of Christ's King ought to take a stand and fight against the campaign of intemperance. We furthermore discharge the habit of intemperance in any form, and therefore we protect the purity of Christianity in agreement with the Bible.

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES

Whereas we find the Friendship Baptist Church of Gastonia seeking membership in this Body, we find them in possession of the Baptist faith and doctrine; we therefore recommend it to your confidence.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME

Whereas, this home is noted for its religious training and taking care of our poor boys and girls, and trying to build a better home for them at Winston Salem. We do recommend that this Association make a donation to this Home and the Churches do all they can to sustain this Home.

REPORT ON STATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Whereas, we see many worthy enteprises being fostered by our State. Namely, Winston Orphanage and many other interprises that do come under our view. Be it resolved that this Body encourage in every way possible the spirit of giving to such causes. And, whereas we see the great work being done by the Lott Cary Convention. We recommend that this Body correspond with it in every way possible.

REPORT ON WAYS AND MEANS

The Union Advocate, our paper. We recommend that the Association take stock in the paper as a means of its support and strength.

We recommend that the stocks of the paper be fixed at $5.00 each, and that the Association be required by the Delegates to take 5 stocks, and studying the new system, We recommend that any Pastor, Church or Sunday School, or any member of our Churches in good standing take stock, naming the classes of stock holders, Associations, Conventions, Quarterly Conventions, Churches, Sunday Schools and individuals.

We recommend that a Board of Directors and Stockholders be organized, including the Editor, who shall be Secretary of that Board.

We recommend that all money paid by stockholders shall be used for the expense of publishing the paper, and for its distribution among our people.

We recommend that this Board require the Stockholders to pay their stock within six months after joining the Company.

We recommend that the paper be published under the name of the Union Advocate Publishing Company and the officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committe of Five.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We are glad to tell you our School, Western Union Academy is in a prosperous condition. The Lord carried us through the hardest winter in 40 years. God sure did bless the entire school, we had no deaths during the School Session and but little sickness. Our school is in a healthy place, and inviting, to our people to send their boys and girls there. We enrolled 110 students, had 4 teachers, including the matron, 4 ministers attended, two of them finished the Normal and Bible course, we had 9 graduates at the last Commencement, 5 grammar school graduates and 4 normals. We had 9 students from the Ebenezer Association, 5 from the Gold Hill Association, and 6 from the Mt. Peace Association.

We recommend that our pastors do more to send students to the school. While we are interested in Education elsewhere and in all schools, let us do more for our own school then others.

We recommend our Ministers to attend Baptist Institutions of learning where they can get old time free and accepted Baptist Doctrine.

We also recommend that $10.00 be donated annually to any Minister of the Gospel of our field who will pay as much for himself annually,

Committee.

VOTE OF THANKS

Whereas the good people of Stanly and members and Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church have spared no pains to make our stay so pleasant, Be it resolved that this note be spread on the face of the minutes as a token of our good wishes towards them.

Submitted,
H. W. LEE

REPORT ON APPROPRIATION

Moderator	$ 15.00
Vice-Moderator	3.00
Recording Secretary	19.00
Corresponding Secretary	3.00
Treasurer	5.00
Auditor	2.50
Winston Orpanage	10.00
Aged Ministers	40.00
Sexton	4.00
W. U. A.	150.00
State Convention	8.00
Dr. Maloy, for stock in paper	25.00
Dr. M. P. Hall	10.30
To Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia	2.06
Total	$296.86

AUDITOR AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Churches	$233.45
Received from Ministers and Delegates	25.50
Received from Public Collections	115.59
Balance in Treasury	30.89
Grand Total	$405.43

Sunday Collection $12.80, which went to the Church and the Preacher, Rev. N. H. Thomas.

HONOR ROLL

Rev. R. D. Harris	$1.00	Mr. Craig (White)	$1.00
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Sister Lora Steal	.25	Bro. W. H. Stewart	.25
Sister Bessie Grier	.25	Bro. Wilson Fair	.25
Sister Jane Wilson	.25	Bro. Wm. G. Brown	.25
Sister Maggie Hand	.25	Bro. Robert Costner	.25
Sister Isadore Froneberger	.25	Bro. Conard Stincen	.25
Sister Luler Hull	.25	Bro. Bud Slade	.75
Sister Elmina Watts	.25	Bro. J. P. Wilson	.25
Sister Annie Rozzle	.25	Bro. John Lucey	.25
Sister Effee Brown	.25	Bro. Beary Gardnee	.25
Sister Bettie Potts	.25	Bro. B. J. Hand	.25
Sister Jane Wilson	.25	Bro. Thomas Rozzle	.25
Sister Mary Berton	.25	Bro. B. Brown	.25
Sister Elminer White	.25	Bro. J. F. Froneberger	.25
Sister Esteler Froneberger	.25	Bro. Fred Hunter	.25
Sister Pearl Rozzel	.25	Bro. Suley Froneberger	.25

Sister Sarah Brevard	.25	Rev. H. H. Wilson	.25
Sister Pearl Lineberger	.25	Rev. Wm. Nealy	1.25
Sister Bettie Wilson	.25	Rev. J. W. Groves	1.00
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Bro. J. A. Lucky	.25	Bro. C. S. Watts	.25
Bro. D. M. Brown	.25	Bro. Adam Hunter	.25

REPORT ON OBITUARY

We find since we met last it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our ranks our beloved Brethren A. J. Kiney, Peter Wilkins. We bow to him who doeth all things well and say thy will be done.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	Preaching Sundays	Received by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Lost by Death	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Present Membership	Value of Ch. Property	Pastor's Salary	General Expenses	Missions	Education	To the Association	Charity	Total to the Association
Springfield	Wm. G. Brown, Stanly	R. D. Harris	1	3		1		1		150	$15 00	$300 00	$ 50 00	$ 5 00	$	$15 00	$ 5 00	$500 00
Dallas	G. W. Hoffman, Dallas	C. F. Gingles	1	3	5	1	2	7	2	2	150	1500	250 00	100 00	9 00	3 50	15 00	20 00	450 00
Smithfield	S. L. Adams, Matthews	Wm. Nealy	1	3	10		2	1	4	2	90	3000	200 00	600 00	10 00	6 00	9 00	8 50	900 00
Gold Hill	Julie Anderson, R. 1, Box 95 Stanly	H. W. Lee	2	4	10		2	2	1	5	80	2500		12 00			8 00	1 00	80 00
Bethel	F. C. Gipson, Mt. Holly	J. D. Massey		4	2		1	3	1		65	375		15 00		1 00	6 50	9 05	222 50
Mt. Moriah	E. D. Perry, Matthews	J. D. Massey	2	4		3	1			1	27	1500	150 00	10 00		6 00	2 70	10 00	228 70
Fancy Hill	A. Carpenter, Iron Station	S. J. Jones		2				3			30	2000	80 00	1 00			3 00	1 25	
Mt. Calvary No. 2	W.T.Poston, 1009 N J'hnston St Chartte	E. W. Walker	1	3	5	6	1	2	1	5	25	2000	360 00	15 00		10 00	2 50	3 00	440 00
Mt. Sinai	T. D. Rankin, Mt. Holly	W. A. Roberts	1	3	4	2		2			80	1000	200 00	135 95			8 00	14 00	335 95
Mt. Pisgah	John Rhyne, R. 3, Gastonia	W. A. Currance	1	3	23	1	6	5	1	2	115	2000	200 00	20 00			11 50		397 00
St. Johns Chapel	Ruben Stokes, Newells	J. S. Reid	2	4	8	1					25						2 50		
Galilee	Wm. Springs, R. 2, Box 90, Charlotte	J. O. Russell	2	4	17	3		4	2	3	98	1000	200 00	25 00		3 00	7 00		452 00
Macedonia	B. F. Jackson, R. 1, Mt. Holly	M. L. Davidson	1	3	16	3	2	1			50	300	150 00			3 00	5 00		
Mt. Moriah	E. S. Leeper, Belmont	Wm. McCauly	1	3	6		1	3		6	100	600	225 00	15 00	10 00		10 00	15 00	275 00
Mt. Vernon	Wm. Deck, Iron Station	C. F. Gingles		2	32	1	4	4		4	116	1200	150 00	50 00	5 00	10 00	11 60	2 00	300 00
Piney Grove		A. J. Elijah				2					19	200	110 00	25 00		5 00	1 90	4 45	161 35
Gethsemane	D. C. Young; 208 S. Midle St. Charlotte	I Washington			9					3	50						5 00		
New Providence	A. A. Rankin, Mt. Holly	S. N. Davidson	2	4	12		5	2		1	60	800	150 00	30 00	2 00		6 00	10 00	197 00
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Grier, Belmont	G. L. McCree	2	4	14		2	4	2	1	110	1500	225 00	40 00	2 15	1 27	11 00	47 00	527 13
Salem	Wm. Stowe, Paw Creek	Wm. McCauly	2	4	8		2				100	3000		45 00	5 00		10 00	4 25	710 91
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Floyd, R. 2, Clover, S. C.	S. N. Davidson	1	3	25		7			3	100	2000	250 00	8 00	10 00	8 00	10 00	12 00	475 00
Mt. Calvary, Gstna	J. L. Sherrill, Gastonia	Wm. Honar	1	3	22	4	2	3	2	5	75	3000	300 00	450 00	2 80		11 25	67 00	967 17
Mt Carmel	G. G. Glenn, Charlotte	W. H. Davidson	1	2	3	4	32	1	2	1	2	183	3000	598 00	100 00	15 00	25 00	18 30	10 00	2291 88
Mt. Zion	Wm. Rankin, R4, B 114, Charlotte	T. J. Pearl	2	4	3		6	1			50	1300	150 00	12 00			5 00	14 00	195 90
Mt. Calvary	H. L. Robins, Lowell	Wm. Nelson	2	4	1						40	1500	175 00	25 00	4 00	7 00	4 00	5 00	250 00
St. Philips	Omie Brown, Huntersville	H W. Lee	1	3			3	1	2		30	600	150 00	20 00			3 00		395 00
Mt. Oline	S. J. Graham, R 20 Box 160 Huntersville	Wm. McIntyre	2	4	18	5	3	3	3	2	67	1500	275 00	100 00	2 00		6 70		500 00
Mt. Calvary No. 1	Minie Conner, 1204 N Tryon Charlotte	T. J. Pearl	1	3	7	10	7	1	1	7	80	2000	275 00	2 92	25	20	8 00	30	6 67
Friendship	Z. N. Mason, Gastonia	J. R. Parrott	2	4	1	3		1			53	4000	360 00				1 50		150 00
St. Paul	M. B. Braton R. 10, Box 97, Charlotte	T. M. Barber	2	4	4		9				24	2000	105 00	100 00	10 00	8 00	2 40		7 09
Chapel Hill	Julie Berry, R. 20 Box 224, Huntersville	J. W. Houston	2	4	1				1		20	200	150 00	10 00			5 00		200 00
Mt. Hebron	G. W. Gingles ..... Gastonia	R. J. Davidson	1	4	2	3		6		3	70	1200	225 00		5 00	10 00	7 00	1 50	

CONSTITUTION

We, the Missionary Baptist Church of Western North Carolina having been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches, in order to promote the cause of Christ among men, do agree to the following Consitution:

Article 1.—This organization shall be known as the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association of Western North Carolina.

Art. 2.—This Body shall be composed of Ministers and Delegates of Baptist Churches in good and regular standing with the denominations, and in full practice of the faith and doctrines held by the Missionary Baptists. All ministers pastoring churches associated with the Association shall be regarded as members with all privileges.

Art. 3.—The object of this Association shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among men by preaching the Gospel, organizing churches and building meeting houses in needy fields in the bounds of this Association. To do State, Home and Foreign Mission work, and to co-operate with the other Baptist organizations, in the best plans of labor for the religious and educational development of Western North Carolina, especially the fostering of Western Academy.

Art. 4.—All visiting ministers belonging to the regular Baptist denomination in good standing may become members of this body by paying 50 cents annually.

Art. 5.—All aged ministers living in the bounds of the Association formerly pastors in its bounds are members with all privileges, but with exactions upon them.

Art. 6.—The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Ordaining Council, and such other Committees as may be deemed necessary, all of whom shall be elected annually, hold and discharge the duties of their office until their successor is elected.

Art. 7.—This Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of a church as a body.

Art. 8.—If a church becomes disorderly or corrupt, the Association shall through a Committee, or otherwise endeavor to restore it to a healthful state; and if unsuccessful shall withdraw the hand of friendship from it.

Art. 9.—Each Church shall send annually not more than two delegates and its pastor to the Association.

Art. 10.—All visiting Ministers and Corresponding Delegates and Brethren shall be received by the Moderator extending the hand of welcome and introducing them to the body.

Art. 11 —Any new church may become a member of this body by the payment of $1.50 or more when recommended by a committee on new churches.

Art. 12.—Any church may continue its membership in this Association by paying ten cents per member, annually for each of its members to be used for the Constitutional objects of this Association.

Art. 13.—Each minister belonging to this Association shall pay annually 50 cents and each delegate 25 cents.

Art. 14.—Any church may withdraw from this Association if in good standing, by first making known such desire.

Art. 15.—The Ordaining Council shall ordain no minister except he has a fair knowledge of the Baptist Church Directory, Pendleton's Christian Doctrine and the common school branches.

Art. 16.—This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of this body.

BY-LAWS

Article 1.—The deliberations of this body shall be governed by the rules of Parliament as laid down in Hiscox's Church Directory.

Art. 2.—Each session in this Association shall be opened with devotional services conducted by the Moderator or some one appointed by him.

Art. 3.—No one shall leave the Association to go home without permission from the body.

Art. 4.—All members must use courtesy of speech and obey the rules of decorum as laid down in Hiscox's Directory.

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